

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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Coronavirus Update

From Monday 23rd March we will be closed to children, other than those specified by the government. **We will confirm these exceptions directly with parents.**

If you believe you meet the keyworker criteria please complete the form (within the letter) as soon as possible. The letter was sent out via email today and is also on the front page of the school website <http://www.ashleighprimary.com/> We will be reviewing eligible children on an ongoing basis.

Work will be accessible via the following systems (and a letter regarding home learning has also been sent home today):

- Nursery – Tapestry
- Reception – Tapestry and Seesaw
- Years 1-5 – Seesaw
- Year 6 – Google Classroom

Please check your emails on a regular basis, thank you!

Governor Message

The Governors at Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery would like to thank you all for your support over the last couple of weeks as Mr Nixon and his staff have navigated the uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. I am sure you will also join us in sincerely thanking the staff for their dedication to our children and the calm way they have continued to provide a safe environment. They have worked tirelessly to keep the site clean, to continue to provide hot meals, to answer questions and allay worries, to create an online learning platform, and continue to teach. All done at the same time as managing the impact on their own lives and families.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Botwright for her unceasing dedication to the Ashleigh family. She has been a constant figure in the school office and if the school is Outstanding, it is in no small part due to her. As you are aware, she will begin her next adventures after the Easter holidays and although I know that these current circumstances are not the ones she anticipated leaving in, we hope that she is still able to enjoy the extra time in her garden and more relaxing days. Thank you and we will very much miss you.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr Nixon. It is hard not to understate the impact he has had on our school and community. Although he will continue to lead the school over the next few weeks, I wanted to make sure we had the opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank him. Sam is without a doubt one of the best educators I have had the privilege of working with; he is unfailing in his dedication to our children, and to his staff; he has the highest of expectations and knows how to bring out the best in people; and his vision and passion are contagious. Ashleigh will continue to grow from strength to strength and that is his legacy.



**We are all stars:
Ashleigh makes
us shine**

We thank the staff and yourselves for your continued support over the coming months, and hope that you and your families remain safe and well.

Mrs Marfleet-Collins
Chair of Governors

Headteacher Interviews

I wanted to update you on the Head Teacher recruitment process. We were due to interview on Thursday and Friday of this week, however, due to the wider impact of the Covid-19, the daily changing situation, and the applicants responsibilities and focus on their current communities, the Governors decided to postpone the interviews.

We will continue to run our Summer Term staffing arrangements into the Autumn Term, and aim to have our new Head Teacher in place for January 2021. Miss Lacey and Mrs Greenacre have agreed to provide consistency of leadership as temporary Joint Head Teachers, Mrs Miller will continue as an Assistant Head Teacher, Mr Finch as temporary Assistant Head Teacher, and Miss Webb as Temporary SENDCO.

Mrs Marfleet-Collins
Chair of Governors

School Lunches - Nursery, Years 3-6 via Wisepay

- We will ask Wisepay to issue refunds to all those children not in school who have booked lunches.
 - If your child is accessing school provision during the school closure and you would normally order via Wisepay please do so as normal.
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Fundraising

Race for Life

Thank you to everyone for your amazing support and, on the JustGiving page, lovely comments in memory of Mr Christmas. We have raised £1,810.50 with £404.38 in Gift Aid!

We have also planted a tree in Mr Christmas' memory, the new flowering cherry tree at the front of Ashleigh. A commemorative plaque will also be on display.

Sport Relief

So far we have banked £276.48 for Sport Relief.

Ashleigh Friends

- The AGM was postponed on 16th March, and we will advise a new date once confirmed.

